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April 1, 1924

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, N. Y.

My dear Court:

Your letter of March 29th is just received. I wish I could come, myself, in response to your invitation for May 4th but I have already promised to speak that day, and indeed have engagements for all my Sundays from now on until the end of the summer.

The best person I can think of for the missionary services in your Church that day would be Dr. J. C. R. Ewing of India who is now retired and living at Princeton. He is the most honored American who has ever lived in India and came away with the title of K.C.I.E., which means that he would be called "Sir James" if he were living in British territory. He has been speaking a great deal in the Churches with the most wonderful acceptance, and is, I suppose, our most conspicuous American missionary. He has been helping Dr. Stevenson in the missionary courses in the Seminary and would just take the hearts of your people, if by any possibility he could be secured. I am writing to him, asking him whether he could go.

You pretty well rule out all of us here in the offices except Dr. White and Dr. Brown, and both of them have been laid up so that Dr. White has been debarred from any speaking and Dr. Brown from going off on long trips until recently. Of the missionaries whom you mention Kepler is the only one at home on furlough. He has been doing capital work, and if Dr. Ewing cannot go, we will try to get Kepler for you. Another man who has captivated the Churches wherever he has gone is the Rev. A. R. Harper of the Punjab Mission who is now taking graduate work here in Columbia University. Still another capital man to get would be the Rev. Andrew Thakar Das, one of our ablest Indian Christian ministers, pastor of the leading Indian Church in Lahore and now in New York, studying here on a Fellowship. Perhaps, however, your people would not want an Indian speaker. Still another first-rate man is the Rev. J. E. Williams, D.D., one of our missionaries in China, and Vice President of the University of Nanking.

I am reporting to Mr. Trull regarding your readiness to undertake the support of Mr. Lyon at Princeton.

I trust you may have a good visit at Princeton on May 4th.

You will be glad to know that the receipts have been pouring in in the most wonderful way in these recent weeks. I have never before known such a demonstration of loyalty and generosity in our foreign missionary work.

Very cordially yours,

RES-KC

My dear Court.

We all were disappointed that you did not come, but realize that it was rather short notice for a busy man. Maggie seemed to think Wednesday afternoon was the proper time for the service and we knew no reason why not. It was a private service, only a few friends and neighbors here. I

was the only representative of our family - There were six of Maggie's family here. I am sure Fannie would have come had she been home but she has been on the Pacific coast all Winter and does not expect to be home until the middle of May.

After weary months of failing strength Herbert went quite suddenly at the last - Severe vomiting and the bursting of a blood vessel on the brain - He has been so courageous and hopful and such wonderful patience and so fearful of making unnecessary trouble - I think the last few weeks he has been afraid of becoming helpless as it became more and more difficult for him to get up - I am so profoundly grateful that he was spared severe suffering even at the last - the pain lasted not

more than a minute when he became unconscious and so passed away. If as you say I have been a faithful and devoted sister, let me say that it is very easy to make sacrifices and be devoted to one whom you felt was always in your corner, that no matter how much pressure was brought to bear was never untrue to you. Who was mother to you when you had no mother and needed one, who was always so very kind and patient. I can not remem

lieve that there was ever the slightest cloud of misunderstanding between us, and he was so unfailing in his kindness to his father and mother.

It does seem strange to be the last one of the family left. but it has been hard to see him so weak and unable to take part in any pleasant thing. It would take the heart right out of all pleasure. After life had gone the look of patient

endurance was heart breaking.
Every one did all they thought
they could to make him com-
fortable.

There has been no burial
but Salem has not entered
their minds. Hollis thought
it best not to make a decis-
ion under pressure but prob-
ably Pinview. The new cemetery
just out of the city will be
chosen.

The family are as well
as can be and slowly getting
adjusted to new condition but
after so long time of care
it takes time.

My love to Guss and
thank you both many times
for your love and sympathy.
I am always very glad to
hear from you.

With love
Mina

Gouverneur.N.Y. 3/21/24

Dear Court:

You are too swift for me,I can't hit your pace. I think if I could roll off things the way you can I would run two or three churches. But I expect I have more family letters to write than you do.I have three boys I try to write each week and two brothers often,and I am much slower than you in getting up sermons.If I had three weeks for a sermon I think I would use them all and then w wish I had more.And the sermons would not be so awful "powerful"then. I read today a fine sermon by Dr Jefferson on "Faith."But he does not handle the Bible as I would have him.Last week I read one on the "Incarnation"by Dr Cadman.It was a great sermon.And on the Deity of Christ and the Virgin Birth he was staunch and unequivocal.But I read one on the"Revelation"this week which was also a great sermon and rang true and was beautiful on the Atonement;but he did not give the Bible the place I think it ought to have.Very reverent and makes it of utmost importance;but he says the ultimate authority is personal experience,personal revelation,light within.I do not see it that way.To me the Bible is the ultimate authority-God's word.I think perhaps,the ultimate witness to that word,the ultimate witness to it as the word of God-as truth,is personal experience.As Dr Parkhurst has said he knows the Maker of the Book is the One Who made him.

But what norm of right would we have if the ultimate authority of each one was what he thought was right.Yet all those fellows in the big churches in N.Y.City seem to be dead against an objective,external authority.What is the reason of it?And I thought from what you said in your last letter that both McAfee and Covert were in the same class with Merrill and Mason.That rather surprised me.Was that what you meant.You said they were trying to oust all conservatives off the various Boards-as if they belonged to the other side.

I rather guess I must be a mongrel.I read McCarhney's Pittsburg address.With most of it I was in hearty accord.But when he speaks about an inerrant Bible and says it was the original Mss that were inerrant,I wonder how he knows it.It seems to me it is enough to say the Bible is an infallible guide in faith and practice.I am sure I could not say we have an inerrant Bible because I do not believe we have,not if you us e inerrant in strict sense.But I believe the Bible is the word of God,and if the word of God,I do not see why it is not the ultimate authority.In other words I do not see how any one can get beyond the word of God. Do you?

I have been wondering how Mac is and where he is.I have not heard since I saw him in Greenwich last fall and he was hard up then.

Love,

Will

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Thursday -

My Dear Court: -

I thank you for your letter. Father's death came as a blessing to himself and everyone. He suffered a shock about nine o'clock Monday morning, but at once into a coma and died about 7 P.M. without arousing. During all his illness, were had no ache or pain, but was a constant care, day & night in his constantly increasing weakness. Mother is whole. Bone. The funeral was private and very simple. The flowers were wonderful. Everyone behaved themselves - and we all came

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through in fine shape. It was merciful and I could not ask for things to be easier.

As for myself, I thank you for your kind words. I have my troubles too but I try to lick the troubles as they come along. We are all fine and will be glad to see you anytime.

Most Sincerely
Harris

We placed the body in the receiving vault at Pine View Cemetery on the road to Lake George. Will buy a lot probably there as soon as we are all settled in our ideas. The bills are all paid this morning.

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

March 14, 1924.

My dear Robinson:-

The enclosed letter from Mr. Martin explains itself.

We are pleased to know that you can preach at the Sunday evening service on May the 4th. Mrs. Stevenson and I will expect you to be our guest.

I hope that you can arrange for Mr. Bush to take charge of the Meridale Church. He is a first class man.

Cordially yours,

J. Ross Stevenson

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,

Delhi, New York.

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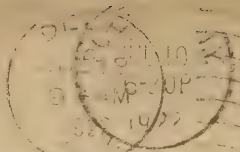

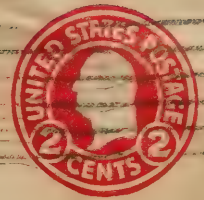

Rev W C Robinson

~~Dobbs~~

Lockport New York

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HILLVIEW FARM
POTSDAM, N. Y.

March 10, 1924.

Dear "Carson":

Your kind greetings received and deeply appreciated. One only needs to take a trip to a hospital to find how kind their friends are. My fortnight there was cheered by letters and flowers in great abundance. Irma's family came to see me nearly every day and never empty handed, Mr. McIntyre included me in his pastoral calls and even Pastor Mann whose sister was a patient at the same time, came in to see me twice.

Altogether, I had a wonderful rest

and care and an insight into the work which these unselfish sisters and splendid girls are doing and that fine young man, Mr. Madill. His work and endurance are simply marvelous. Seven o'clock in the morning sees him at his post and often emergency calls him out after hours at night.

Stuart's sermon is great. I am so glad that he is one of the few young ministers who stick to the Bible and its teachings. It is very refreshing. He, with his charming wife, has formed of a

HILLVIEW FARM
POTSDAM, N. Y.

great future of success and usefulness.

I can imagine how Bobbie must grate on your sensibilities at this season of the year. Do you have as much snow as we? Not in years has there been as great a fall as last month. I haven't been in Potsdam for five weeks the doctor not allowing me to travel these roads though I rode about the house. That is some record for a gad-a-bout like me.

With much love to you both,

I remain

Very sincerely

Mary Hewes.

GEORGE WING SISSON, JR.
POTSDAM, NEW YORK.

March 7, 1924

My Dear Mr. Robinson:

Very glad indeed to have your letter with its very just summary of conditions now affecting both pulpit and pew. George 3rd has read it with appreciation and has just been discussing the point with Theo. Safford and G. L. S. Jr., at the noon hour in our office where I am writing.

Those of us who want to hold fast to the "faith of our fathers" are, perhaps, not "progressive thinkers" - but it is my firm belief that the great majority of men and women in our churches (or out of them for that matter) welcome steadfast adherence to those essentials of a saving faith so clearly stated in your letter.

Mary and I have enjoyed reading the sermon Stewart preached

GEORGE WING SISSON, JR.
POTSDAM, NEW YORK.

to his people at Christmas time. It has the true ring. May his influence widen and strengthen as he goes on in his work — How could it be otherwise with his traditions and his own personal ability and clarity of thought and expression.

We all send kindest greetings to you and "Lady Kat". Both Mrs. S. & I are better now and at our duties.

Most sincerely

Geo. W. Sisson Jr.

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

March 5, 1924.

My dear Robinson:-

I have your letter regarding the small country church in your vicinage which is looking for a man. Yesterday Erdman, Martin and I, who constitute a small Vacancy and Supply Committee, met and going over our list we could not discover any man in the Senior Class or among the Post-Graduates who would be available for the work you have in mind.

Strange to say, almost any one of our graduating students can easily procure a church which pays eighteen hundred dollars and a manse. This creates a problem regarding the smaller churches for which there ought to be some kind of a solution, and I fear it means that Bible School students will drop into these vacancies.

You do not specify what kind of an arrangement could be made for the summer. If you will let me know under what conditions the church would be willing to take a man from the first of May to the last of September, I am sure we can easily get someone for you from the Junior or Middle Class. Could a married man secure easily a furnished house?

As you will recall, we have endeavored on several occasions to secure you for the Sunday evening sermon in connection with our Commencement. Are you free to come to us this year on the evening of May the 4th?

Very cordially and sincerely yours,

J. Ross Stevenson

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,

Delhi, New York.

Couverneur.N.Y.2/18/24

Dear Court:

When your spirit gets restless again and you feel like a caged lion,sit down and write me another letter.it was a great treat to me to get that letter.When I get a letter from you that is red hot off the roaster,I feel as if I had gotten into touch with the world again.As to Wilson I confess I did not like him. He seemed to me egotistic,conceitedand looking out for the glory of Wilson.I probably misjudged him.From what I have read since his death it would seem he was not so much so at least as I thought he was. As to his brilliancy and loftiness of ideals and courage,there can be no doubt.I have an idea you read the "Affirmation" in a very different frame of mind than I did.You know the men better,and perhaps a little of that feeling was present when you read the statement.I read it without any feeling of that sort.No man can say,honestly, that "Jesus Christ was God manifest in the flesh" and be a Unitarian. But I confess Clarke and Merrill puzzle me.I am ging to send you two sermons of Clarke's in a day or so.Read the one on the Gen Assem. first.Note his doctrinal position there-which is the rankest,and then read the one on The word of Understanding".See if you do onot see a very different tone in the latter.He says he does not want to guilty of special pleading,but see if that is not just what he is doing.

I told Kate that I bet some of his good people had whispered something to him.Pretty shoddy I think.As to Merrill.Have you read his article in Feb World' s Work?"Protestantism at the Crossroads." I do not think you would dream it was the same fellow that signed the "Affirmation". In that article he saysthat"the perfect divinity of Jesus,while it may be much more ,is truly the supreme manifestation of the divine that is in all men."Comes pretty near making the difference between Him and us one of degree."The atonement on Calvary was the supreme expression of the cosmic law that life advances through the sacrifice of the fittest and best."It would seem that in that secular magazine he showed out his real s lf.And really it seems to me the biggest lot of rot that I have seen in many a day.George had called my attention to it and I wrote him that I thought he had altogether too inflated an opinion of himselfand an unnecessary concrn for the fate of Protestantism if it di d not follow his lead.

But I do not believe that Fosdick is a Unitarian.I think he is absolutely loyal to Jesus Christ.He does not hold the Ss as I do.But he does not seem to me to be as dangerous a man as the other two.

I think the Com criticising his Fundamental sermon did right.

But I do not think for a moment those fellows can swing the great Presbyterian church-not by anything I have seen from them.

Well I think I will not start on another sheet.I will give you a rest.

Love to you both, Will

My dear Mr Robinson;

of
Course you will be welcome,
just let me know when
and where I can meet
you and I will have
the "bus" there.

Now we are not going
to make "company" of you.
I know there are things
you want to do when here
and I want you to do

just as you would in
your own home.
We are delighted that
you are coming. Hoping
to see you next week
I am Very truly
Mary J. Stoddard
February fourteenth

315 West 97th St.

Dear Court,

Your request to supply our pulpit was presented to the committee in charge — The two dates you mentioned are filled — Dr. Work conducting the communion service on the tenth — and Dr Duffield on the seventeenth as you will see by the calendar. The church officials are only beginning to take

hold of the situation - Dr Park preached this morning - apparently a great effort - his voice so very weak - He has had a busy week in Presbytery and I guess it all has been a great strain on him - Think of ten Presbyterian churches without pastors - We heard to-day a movement toward a revival is about to be launched

Dr. Keigwin Chairman —

Dr and Mrs Work - Mr Chapman are to leave soon after the tenth - of February for a months cruise in southern waters — I am sure it will be a splendid trip for them May be later your request may be fulfilled

Certainly we have had an unusual winter. just a very little snow — The storm we had last Wednesday afternoon and

evening I happened to be out in - The wind blew so hard I did not dare to come down our streets from Broadway - had to phone for Will to come for me and get in a taxi for the two blocks - The rain and wind was the worst I have experienced for many a day —

We will miss Dr. Work very much and I just dread his last Sabbath with us —

Will and I would be pleased indeed to have Mrs Robinson yourself drop in and see us when you are in the city —

Sincerely,
Mary E. Snedaker

R. HAMILL D. SWING, D.D.S.
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Friday
Jan. 4
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My Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your letter of the 2nd inst. was received, and as is always the case was very glad to hear from you. Sorry that you had that trouble with your tooth or teeth, but am just as glad to know that you are comfortable at the present time and hope the condition will remain so until I see you on the 17th at 4.30 o'clock.

If you keep on you will be quite a globe trotter, or at least a portion of it. We were all very sorry to hear of Mr. Main's mental depression. He has a case of melancholia, is feeling better now under treatment, and we hope that we can get this condition cleared up. Mr. Main is, as you know, very temperamental and is rather a hard fellow to handle. I seem to be the only one who can do very much with him.

Sorry to hear of Mrs. Feland's sorrow. Everything is moving along nicely in Northminster. Expect to have Mr. Watson, who is preparing preliminary plans for proposed renovation of the church auditorium, to meet the committee sometime next week. Nothing will be done of a definite nature however until after our budget is taken care of. I thought it wouldn't do the committee any harm to know what Mr. Watson's views and recommendations might be in the matter.

I suppose you heard of the death

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of Harry Saylor, perhaps you saw it in the paper, shot himself through the temple last week. You remember he was one of the finest baritone singers Northminster ever had, and at the time of his suicide was leading baritone singer in St. Luke's Church on 13th Street. I feel sometimes as if some of these fellows who take such drastic course of jumping off into the other world would just familiarize themselves with Hamlet's soliloquy it might be the end of such cowardliness. I heard John Barrymore in Hamlet last night, wonderful actor! I think he is the most wonderful Hamlet I have seen or heard since the days of Edwin Booth, when I used to occupy the prominent seat in the third or last gallery of Chestnut Street Opera House at 25¢ per.

My kindest regards, in which Mrs. Swing joins me to Mrs. Robinson and yourself, I remain,

Very truly yours,

R Hamill D Swing

Dr. W. Courtland Robinson
Delhi
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Rev. Dr. W. Cortland Robinson,
Delhi, New York

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Confirming your letter of November 10th, our Supply Committee has entered your name for January 20th, morning and evening services.

Anticipating the pleasure of renewing your acquaintance at that time, remain

Very truly yours,

Chas. G. Stott

For the Committee on Pulpit Supply.

315 West 97th St.

Rev. Courtland Robinson

Dear friend.

It gave me a great deal of pleasure to receive a few lines from you. It was next to being in Dellie — It is sometime since I have had a letter from Nat or Kate — I do like to keep in touch with my friends though I confess I am getting to be a very dilatory correspondent —

When I received your letter we had just had a congregational meeting to accept Dr. Parks resignation - since then we had one - accepted it and voted to give him ten thousand dollars. The clerk of the session told me Dr Park had not as yet informed them just when would be his last Sunday. We have communion the first Sunday in February and I believe he is to stay

for that service - To-morrow (Monday) night the session meets and will appoint a supply committee and your request will be placed in the chairmans list -

Dr & Mrs Work are very fortunate for Mr J. Wilbur Chapman who has been living with them for two or three years and now devoted to them is going to build a house at Firestone - It is a residential spot near the river and on the line of Van Courtland Park

almost a part of the city. Mr C. supplies him with a beautiful car and the home is to have every comfort and convenience. Don't that fine for Mr & Mrs Work.

Dr. Work had pneumonia last summer and the year before. He looks very delicate and I am sure he is not able to do the church work —

I am enclosing you the program for the mass meeting held the other evening by the fundamentalists. The addresses were well worth hearing — wish you could have heard them. Remember me to Mr Robinson.

Sincerely, May E. Snedaker

My dear Aunt.

I began a letter to you more than a week ago but a severe cold took all my 'pep' and the letter wasn't finished. It seems ages since we have heard from any of you and we would like very much to know how you all are. Every once in a while Holly is inquiring if I have heard from Aunt.

The family here are much the same except that Herbert has failed a good deal. has not been out of his room except to go to bath room in weeks and months. Recently he developed a bronchial cold and cough

so much night and day, and because we feel he is so weak it is distressing to feel he must be so tormented. His appetite and digestion are pretty good else he could not have endured so long. Most of the time he is very patient and courageous. The family meet all here for Thanksgiving dinner. We have been very thankful for so much mild weather and hope it continues for some time yet. The Cailin cousins were all to gether for a while this summer except Howard and he did not dare come because of sea sickness. A letter from Fannie a few days ago inquired for you.

From what Aunt Georgia said to us ~~the~~ we thought you might be coming out with your car to take her to your home for a visit - She is often in Glens Falls but I seldom see her - Met Aunt Lizzie and Mai on the street not long ago. they had been to the movies. Noticed in the paper the death of Mrs. John Jr Robinson of Fort Edward a cousin of yours isn't she a son lives in So. Glens Falls and is a coal dealer - The Eddys of Greenwich have gone in to bankruptcy - I wonder if that does not involve

Will and George Skinner
more or less.
Your friend Cal. Conning-
ham is still with us - he
officiated in the communion
service last Sunday but
he is very feeble and
goes about very carefully.
We have been having a
two weeks series of lec-
tures by Dr. House in
our church - program en-
closed - they were quite
well attended but not
so many presbyterians.
Glens Falls presbyterians
are hard to move.
Agnes Henning has gone
to California to spend
the Winter - San Diego -
If the weather man treats
as he did last year she
will be glad to be out of it.

The Copelands begin to look like old people, Mr. Copeland especially seems very frail -

News are scarce and my cold keeps my brains from being very active so will close. The Saffords have left for a Winter in California via Petroleum for Thanksgiving - George Safford is located at Los Angeles I hear -

My best love to Gus and yourself - Let us have all about your soon

Lovingly

Min...

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Dictated 11/27/23

December 4, 1923

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, N. Y.

My dear Court:

I have just been answering about a score of letters with regard to the doctrinal faithfulness of missionaries and of the Board. I had allowed them to accumulate until I could send in reply the enclosed statement. In each case I have written a personal letter regarding any points in the letters to be answered which were not sufficiently covered by the enclosure. I do not know whether you have shared any of these misgivings or not. You do not speak of them in your letter of November 13th. You think the present situation of the Board is due to the various causes of which you speak, while others think that it is due to doctrinal dissatisfaction. I have no doubt that all of these things enter in but I am inclined to think that the fact is that the discontent and criticism are far outweighed by an ever deepening confidence and loyalty. I should judge this to be the case on various grounds. The first of all is the fact of the ever increasing contributions of which I wrote you immediately on receipt of your letter. I have just been preparing a statement which included these points and you will be interested in the following table which would seem to indicate that what we had to account for was not a diminishing confidence in the Board and a waning support of the cause which it represents, but just the contrary. So far from there having been a "slump in receipts," there has been a steady and continuous increase as this table for the past 20 years will show:

	Churches	Women's Boards	Total Receipts from all sources.
1904	266,513	303,543	1,067,265
1909	612,285	384,259	1,526,859
1914	739,039	553,988	2,171,260
1919	1,033,567	536,572	2,583,434
1923	1,925,253	1,045,661	3,998,113

And the gifts thus far this year are 8.3% in advance of last.

In the second place, I should judge from a wide visit through the Church this fall, running out to the Mississippi Valley, and from what Dr. McAfee reports from a long trip which he made on the Coast, that the foreign mission cause and its administrative trusteeship are as near to the Church as they have ever been. No doubt there have been both gains and losses, but I am sure that the gains have

outweighed the losses, and, personally, I have never known the heart of the Church to be so warm and welcoming and friendly as I have felt on this last trip. In the third place, the correspondence that keeps pouring in brings expressions both of loyalty and of confidence, and there can be no doubt whatever as to what the general tenor of the spirit and mind of the Church is.

I think it is true, on the other hand, that we are in a period of knocking. There are many reactions and back eddies now. The Assembly of 1918 voted unanimously for organic church union among all the evangelical churches. Now it is proposed that we must even divide our own Church. So far from being organically united with Methodists and Baptists, we cannot even stay organically united as Presbyterians!

Also, I think you are right in feeling that against any long-continued administration there is an accumulation of complaints just as, of course, there will be an accumulation of friendships and loyalties. And, dear knows, there are always mistakes enough! I was thinking the other evening as I was walking home about midnight, of all the foolish things that I had said; not of all, of course that would have been too long a roll, but of many of them; and what was closest, perhaps, of the lost opportunities, when what might have been said, or might have been better said, slipped by. And I know better even than you, the seamy side of movements like the Interchurch and the Federal Council. I resisted from the beginning, as the men on the inside could tell you, what seemed to be the wrong courses in the Interchurch, and I knew perfectly well the price that would have to be paid for at least stepping in to share the responsibility for it. But I saw that some one had to see the thing through and that to stand outside and let it go, while it was easy for an individual, was a cowardly and wicked business for the Church and for the cause, and that the only thing to do was to take whatever blame and reproach might come and do one's best to prevent the far worse shipwreck that would have come, if a few of us had not been willing to stand in the breach. Likewise, in the present cooperative movements like the Federal Council, I know as well as any one the weak elements, but I know that these are struggling elements in the right direction, and old William Henry Roberts' last injunction to me was not to flinch but to try to save and protect the good strivings in these movements which are the hope of our working on into better days.

I have often heard the criticisms which you summarize regarding our visits to the mission fields and our participation in the movements outside our own Church and nation. As to the mission trips, I have spent years away from home on these trips, and more than once have been at life's edge with sickness or peril. They are no joke, and I have often asked myself whether it was right for a man to take these years away from his family, and even here in this country to be away from his home anywhere from one-half to nine-tenths of his time. My conscience often accuses me with regard to the neglect of home and children. It has never accused me with regard to the neglect of this work. As to the Church interests, we have had our choice between two different policies one, the policy of shrivelling into the narrowest professional conception of our own denominationalized and secretarial duty, and the other, the richer conception of doing all this detailed work with faithfulness

and all the more faithfulness because of richer contacts with broader fields and because of the fair share in tasks that cannot be corralled in the stockade of any particular group.

You speak of the restiveness of the Church under the domination of the Boards. Here, as in all things, it is the old question of the balance. Martin Luther used to say that humanity is like a drunken man trying to ride horseback; you try to prop him up on one side and he topples over on the other. Our Lord was the only one Who lived a harmonious life, and He was so far from satisfying everybody that even His own disciples melted away from Him, and He ended His life on a cross. We poor little creatures who do not see anything whole, who are always going either too far or not far enough, need not hope to be able to escape the blunders and the penalties of blunders. On the whole, however, I imagine it has been good for the Church that it has had to put up with the annoyance of the Boards, and I imagine that most of the resentment has come, not from the people who wanted to do their duty, but from those who were restive under the pressure of it. Even now, what a sluggish, evading army we are! Think of what would happen in the Church if the Lord God dealt with it as a general deals with his army!

Now, as to dear old Dr. Alexander. He tried to resign when the new Board was constituted, but those who knew his wisdom and devotion refused to allow him, so he went on on the Board just as he goes on as the senior member of the Board of Directors of Princeton Seminary. I presume that he will insist on retiring some time this winter or spring. He still knows more of the Bible in his little finger than you or I know in our whole bodies, and I heard him yesterday at the Princeton Seminary Alumni, make one of the ripest, most exquisite, most finished addresses I have ever heard, full of vitality and insight. If it were not for the controversy over the First Church, nobody would think of Dr. Alexander as other than still a rich asset. Whatever your view of him may be, I am sure that Heaven must regard him in this light.

I see that you are down on the consolidation of the Boards. Well, of course, only time will show, but I am inclined to think that the judgment of time will be against you. Some consolidation of the Boards was absolutely inevitable. It was to be either four Boards or one Board. The continual multiplication of agencies had reached the limit. Either the Churches would have swung to the extreme of pooling all the Boards into some common control, or it had to adopt some such scheme as Dr. Stone's Committee, with what I believe to be excellent judgment, worked out. You do not know the sentiment of the Church at large, if you think it was Stone and his Chicago advisers who did it. They were only the instruments of a tide so strong that its movement was irresistible.

There is one point in which either you are in error, or I am, namely, as to any provision which enables the Foreign Board to nominate its own members. The Foreign Board has no such power, and the General Assembly has absolute and clear control over all the Boards. The Foreign Board was asked to make suggestions to the Committee just as all the other Boards were, but no more so than any of the other Boards, and the last General Assembly, having set the Boards up, has, as I have said, absolute authority over them. For years our Board has made it a rule not to nominate to the General Assembly members to fill the expiring places. Many years ago it was

its practice to make such nominations and the General Assembly expected them, but the Board believed it to be an unwise course and desisted from it.

I have advocated what you suggest regarding publication of salaries. I wish it might be done. The objection comes rather from other Boards than from ours. It was proposed some time ago by us that it should be done but agencies in the Church entirely outside of the Boards discountenanced the suggestion.

You say: "Don't talk about cutting missionaries' salaries." There has been no such talk by us. That statement in the "New York Times" was a reporter's manufacture. I said exactly the opposite, that our Board would not cut missionaries' salaries, nor even make the proposal, and as for recalling missionaries, I said that was absurd, that it would cost the Church more to recall them than to retain them where they were.

I am not sure that I gather clearly from the last pages of your letter just what you have in mind. Do you mean that all the members of the Board who have served say ten years or more, should retire, and that the whole present staff of Secretaries and Treasurers should as soon as possible be quietly replaced with fresh life. If this is what you mean, I can assure you that the Board would rejoice to have any suggestions as to where this fresh life is to be found. A good deal of it has been brought in in recent years. You speak critically of Schell, but I hear from every quarter reports of his popularity and acceptance to the Church. I do not suppose any of us is liked by everybody. The gain of having a number of officers is that the people who do not like one may perhaps like another one. Even dear old Halsey, who was as pure and noble and unselfish a soul as ever lived, got his knocks and had his bitter cups to drink.

Please do not think that I take amiss in the least what you wrote or that I shan't try to profit by it. I am only afraid that this letter may seem to be defensive, when as a matter of fact I am ready always to plead guilty to any charge whatsoever of insufficiency and inefficiency. I know worse about myself than you can ever tell me, and the standards by which I judge myself are infinitely more severe and damning than any that you would ever apply to me.

If you know of any of the men of the right kind to whom we who are crossing the ridge can turn over the great task, please do not fail to let me know. Meanwhile, there is nothing to do but to do one's duty as he sees it day by day, and steadfastly and fearlessly to try to do just what he believes to be right, knowing that the good Lord will care for all the consequences.

With warm regard,

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

RES-KC.

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

November 19, 1923

The Rev. W. Cortland W. Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, N. Y.

My dear Cort:

I have been away this last week at various meetings and have only had a chance to glance at your letter of November 13th, for which I am very grateful and which I shall read carefully and then try to answer as fully and honestly as I can.

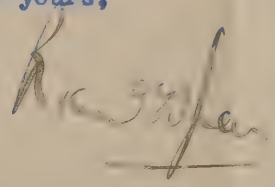
I write now, however, just to correct the impression which you have gained about a "slump that has come." There has been no slump. The receipts of the Board last year were in advance of those of the year before, and thus far this year they are 7-1/2% above last year from all living sources, while contributions through church offerings have increased more than 10%. I think some gifts are being withheld, but obviously others are rallying to the support of the cause with all the greater loyalty. I hear of increased contributions everywhere. Our own church in Englewood increased its foreign missionary offering Sunday a week ago by more than 40%, and individual gifts were coming in by every mail. It was reported at the meeting of the General Council in Atlantic City last week that the increased receipts of the Foreign Board were equal, I think, to all the increases received by all the other Boards, omitting the Women's Boards. You can see, accordingly, that the representations which have been made to the effect that dissatisfaction with the Foreign Board has led to great diminution of its receipts is altogether without foundation.

Of the other matters I shall write later, but I wanted to correct at once this impression lest you might mistakenly, although sincerely, communicate it to others.

With warm regard and happy remembrances of the old days together, I am

Ever sincerely yours,

RES-KC.



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WASHINGTON, D.C. November 7, 1923

Rev. Dr. W. Cortland Robinson,
Delhi, New York

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Your letter to Dr. Radcliffe of October 11th has been referred to me for attention relating to your suggestion that you could conveniently supply for us either December 9th or 16th. We remember with pleasure your previous visit.

The Supply Committee is holding the month of December for some special engagements and would appreciate your naming some date either in January or February, and trust that you will find this agreeable.

Very truly yours,

Chas. G. Stott

For the Committee.

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October 15, 1923.

Dr. Cortland Robinson,
Delhi, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

I have been out of the office practically the entire time since my call upon you in Delhi last week. I very much want you to know that Mr. Foreman accepted your advice regarding the waiting to form a committee until after the meeting of the Board of Supervisors. I believe the Supervisors will make the appropriation and that then Mr. Foreman can appoint an advisory committee to work with the agent thereby removing any cause for hard feeling on the part of any individual in the county.

Thanking you for your assistance, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mary Helen Smith

Assistant Superintendent.

MHS-RAM

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Schenectady, N.Y.
Aug. 28-1923.

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

Donna was so pleased to receive your nice, and most comforting letter.

I wanted to tell you that her condition is far from good, and we wish so much, that you would continue asking God to pilot her through this struggle. We did not know until last Sunday, that she has, and still is, running a high temperature on account of having a pocket of pus which has

formed in the left side. It is giving her a great deal of distress. The doctor says that if Donna isn't able to absorb this pus, she will have to go through another operation. It seems to me that she would not be able to pull through such another ordeal. I thought you would like to know how she was getting along.
A Reverend Cook has been a constant visitor to Donna and has offered prayers for her recovery and also took her case, and that of a man who drank poison with suicidal intent, as a subject for his sermon Aug 19th. He pointed out the difference between the two how Donna had fought for life and this man who had tried to blot out life. Donna told Rev. Cook, she hoped his sermon had helped those who heard it. Sometimes Donna gets lonesome and discouraged, but usually she

she is very cheerful and has been brave through her suffering. We all have such faith in you, Dr. Robinson, and just know that God will listen to petitions from his true servant. Please ask God to carry Donna safely through this struggle, and to restore her to perfect health. We are praying, hoping, and trusting, that God will grant our requests in his own perfect way. We hope you, and family are well.

Yours sincere friend,

16 Chester St. Mame V. Lofer.

Muntainhome. Pa.
June 29. 1923.

My dear Dr. Robinson,

I never had the privilege of meeting you while you were at the Northminster church but I often heard of you - especially through my dear [illegible] Mrs. Fisk.

I take the liberty of writing you -

because I want you to know how very helpful your expositions of the Sunday School lessons in "The Presbyterian" are to me. My grandparents on both sides were among the first subscribers to "The Presbyterian." My parents took it from the beginning of their married life - & Mr. Skillman from his seminary days - so all my life I have read it - but no teacher of the lessons has helped me as much as you - & I wanted you to know it. I am sending you a little booklet under another cover - Gratefully yours

(Mrs. [illegible]) Annie W. Skillman

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

June 26, 1923.

My dear Robinson:-

Following the meeting of our Board, Dr. Macartney and I had an interview with Drs. William Hallock Johnson and Samuel G. Craig. Both of them were interested and we outlined the work it might be possible for them to do. Afterwards we were greatly disappointed to receive a communication from Johnson, stating that in conference with his colleagues he had decided that it would be impossible for him to undertake the service we desire. It seems that important changes are being contemplated at Lincoln and that the progressives are depending upon him to take the lead. We saw him again yesterday but his reply is final. This leaves us very much at sea as to someone to help out in the Department of Apologetics. It may be possible for us to enlist George Johnson of Linsoln, who is a thorough student and could probably teach Theism and Apologetics. Members of the Faculty here think he would be our best "lead".

As to Systematic Theology, Dr. Loetscher has consented to teach the Seniors in Soteriology and Eschatology. We have some doubts as to Craig's ability to fit in satisfactorily. He has not specialized on any particular line, and although he is entirely free and could give his whole time to it, it is a question in our minds whether he could work up a course in Theology that would be as satisfactory as the work Professor Jenkins can do in the one hour course with the Junior Class and the two hours with the Middlers. As there is so much uncertainty about the whole matter, it seems scarcely fair to invite Dr. Craig to work up de novo a course in Systematic Theology which if Dr. Hodge is in better health in the Fall he may not be called upon to give.

Dr. Erdman and I are planning to help out in the Homiletical Department next year. The plan is to divide the classes in preaching so that the men will have at least double the amount of drill they had before.

If you have any suggestions, kindly let us hear from you.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

J. Ross Stevenson

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,

Delhi, New York .

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

June 9, 1923.

My dear Friend Robinson:-

I am exceedingly sorry that you could not join Laird, Macartney and myself in our meeting last Monday. We went over the whole situation and it seemed then as if we might be able to report something positive to the meeting of Directors on June the 19th. I begin to fear, however, that we are not likely to secure any unanimity as to what should be done, especially with the Apologetic chair.

I have gathered information regarding a number of men and Professor Kuizenga of Holland, Mich., seems to have most in his favor, although his being a Dutchman naturally creates some prejudice against him. Men like Dr. Dosker and Dr. Zwemer vouch for his orthodoxy and the fact that he has declined a call to New Brunswick Seminary to succeed Dr. Searle would indicate that he is a man of parts and of promise. Dr. Machen has been out at Grand Rapids and he brings a very unfavorable report to the effect that this man is not only colorless in his theology but is more or less of an Arminian. If he consulted only the members of the Faculty of the Christian Reformed Church at Grand Rapids, I should expect evidence of this character, because, as you know, the Christian Reformed Church has broken away from the Reformed Church in the U.S.A., and like the Jews and the Samaritans, they have no dealings with each other. I have no zeal for this brother or for any man, although I should think it would be nothing short of a calamity if in the Autumn we have to announce to the students that the Board of Directors has found it impossible to make any increase in the teaching staff and they will have to get along as well as they can with present incumbents.

Regarding Dr. Macartney, I fear that reports have been somewhat changed in transmission. I understood that you had suggested him for the chair of Homiletics, and it was in connection with that Department that I quoted Directors and Professors as being somewhat opposed to Dr. Macartney, not because of his orthodoxy, but because of his "rigidity and frigidity." However, he may be the best man in sight, although personally I should think that Harold Robinson would be a stronger man for the Apologetic chair in view of that fact that he has specialized more or less in this Department during his entire ministry; but as you know, there will be opposition to his election. It is too bad that Laird cannot be here on the 19th. As he has probably told you, he asked Macartney to serve as Chairman. Macartney is alert and eager and insists that we must do something, but already I am hearing from a number of the Directors who cannot be present on the 19th, and the outlook for some definite advance action certainly does not look promising at present. I wish so much that I could have a good chat with you.

Obviously, the Committee will have to get together somehow before the Board meets if we are to make that meeting worth while.

Affectionately yours,

Stevenson

My dear friend,

I am glad to be able to assure you that the pulpit of Central Church is open to you on Sunday, May 6th. I had a talk with Dr. Carson, and he at once said, "Good! Tell Dr Robinson to come." He wants to go away for the 6th, and we could not get a better man than you to fill his place. We have a morning service

at 10.30 and an evening service at 7.45. Mrs. S. and I will expect you to stay with us through the afternoon. So if you are invited by any one else, you must turn them down, as we will want you to come for dinner and stay with us. It would be nice if Mrs. Robinson could come with you. We would be delighted to have her too.

This has been a very disagreeable day. You'll be glad

when Spring, gentle Spring, will have came! Hope you and the dear lady are well, also Stewart and his family. Mrs. S. & I have both been sick, but are much better and able to down three meals a day. I enclose you a calendar for yesterday. Now write soon and let me know your plans.

I enclose a picture from the Phila. Bulletin which is interesting to say the least. Love to Mrs. R. and yourself. Yours faithfully

E. K. Sterrett

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Presbyterian Parsonage
W. F. Skinner, Pastor
Gouverneur, N. Y.

March 20-23

Dear Cort:

You put me to shame. You are a fine boy! and I am a mighty poor correspondent. But I enjoy your letter immensely. I always did prize your visits and getting a letter from you is next thing to having a visit with you. You are a great letter writer. You pour things out in such streaming chatty style. One feels as if he had been with you for a few brief happy minutes. And yet, in spite of all this I am very tardy in response. You know I never could turn off work with the air-plane speed you do. It taken me all summer to get up a sermon. And the

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next winter to prepare my lesson for the Music Class, and then if you could read the list of questions I get for them you would wonder what in Town Hill I had been doing all the time, and by the time I carry the laundry back and forth for the boys and drop them a word, my week is gone. All this would only be a breakfast appetizer for you, and no wonder I have never got moved out of here and that Delhi and Philadelphia and Washington and Princeton and every place else that knows anything about your wants you, I was just think how I was going to startle you and put me over on you by telling you how the great church of Gouverneur had opened its generous heart and given me a raise of three hundred dollars, so that I was beginning to get up

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Gouverneur, N. Y.

almost within hailing distance of that three thousand, and before I got around to it here you came at me with a raise of five hundred from that little linky church in Delhi, stretching you away to just a plump thousand dollars from me, Well you are worth it, I would pay more than that difference between us myself — I would if I were a church, But I see in that five hundred raise something more than brilliant seamans, Those old farmers never broke loose like that by any hit on the wad, It is evident to me that you have stolen their hearts, No new biz for you — you have always been at it, You have even stolen mine, though I never proved it in just the substantial way the good Delhian farmers

have, It is fine and I congratulate you,
I am sorry to learn about Mac, Poor
fellow what a rocky road he has had!
Yes, Fisher was certainly one fine soul,
not a great scholar, not a great preacher,
a good preacher - pleasant to listen to a
fine voice, and pleasing manner, But he
was a most loveable man, and a delightful
Companion, And he was true blue
with respect to the Bible and the Great
Master, No, I can't know "whither",
but I am not afraid, Both the Bible
and the Man of Galilee have proven their
supremacy and they will abide, "the
word of our God shall stand forever"
and Jesus Christ shall "put all enemies
under His feet",
Well here I have to stop, and go,
By the way - have you any idea
of pulling out again if Washington
wants you; I think you would like
it at the Capital;
No we are all well and glad you
are, Write another batch as
soon as you can.
Cordially Will

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Dr. W.C. Robinson,
Delhi, New York.

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We thank you for your letter of the 25th, calling our attention to charge of September 12th, amounting to $27.00.

We find upon investigating this matter, it was posted to your account in error. We regret exceedingly the annoyance it has caused you, and trust this will adjust the matter satisfactory to you.

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October 3, 1922.

Rev. Wm. Courtland Robinson,
c/o First Presbyterian Church,
Delhi, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

As you are doubtless informed through the religious press, the pulpit of the New York Ave. Presbyterian Church is at present vacant.

The Committee on Pulpit Supply has instructed me to invite you to supply this pulpit some Sunday in November or December, which ever suits your convenience best. The Session have authorized an honorarium of $75.00 for two services. Please favor the committee with as early a reply as your convenience will permit.

Very truly yours,

Chas. G. Stott

For the Committee.

Enc.

107½ McLennan St
Syracuse - N.Y.
July 22 - 1922.

My dear Dr Robinson:-

Your two letters came yesterday and I had conference with Mr Plumb who is chairman of the Committee of South Church. I live in the upper flat of his house. He is unusually fine - conservative and dependable. So I let him have both letters to read. The latter personal letter I gave him after he told me that a letter from some one else spoke or wrote guardedly of Dr Reese. So already a question had arisen in the minds of the men in authority, as to whether he was the right man for South Ch.

Then I mentioned that name, telling Mr Plumb that he came from a generation of Ministers. He was the third at least - that met with approval. and when he asked for his address I gave him your second letter

I told him of my unbounded regard for Stuart and his father. Now "the disposal" is in other hands. Wouldnt it be rather remarkable if this should materialize?

Dr MacInnis will not be an easy man to follow for anyone. We are reluctant to have him go - which is as it should be - yet I can know by the pulse of things - that a warm hearted man of sympathy can win royally even before the pulpit ability may not equal Dr MacInnis.

I have grown very deaf and hear little, if any, of the sermon even with the acoustican, but I throw in my and more to South than any other - as I live in the vicinity.

It was rumored that Dr Ferris was to leave the ministry - but that is denied now.

Presbytery needs new life - or a better spirit. We have too many discontent fighters - and as a rule the Fall and spring seasons are so enlivened

and its not conducive to spiritual prosperity. Always they have been great to me. It continues even in my unofficial status.-
I preach very often here - also in Rochester.

I suppose you know that George Dixson is in Europe, one of a commission on Forestry. And that Grace Dixson has returned from her extended trip to the Orient. You doubtless know of the death of Mr W Smith Mrs George Bonney - Mrs Joe Bonney. Potsdam Church is doing well. How those royal folk retain our love and esteem -

What a long letter this has become. You'll get it on Monday, your rest-day so it will not add to your cares. Kindest wishes ever to you - and Mrs Robinson -

Yours fraternally

John N. Steele